

wholly at your service, and were it at the utmost hazard of my life, I could joyfully do any thing to serve you."

The merchant, after returning thanks to his friend for these generous offers, told him what he had been relating to him was a tale invented only as a lesson for his son, to teach him how to distinguish between a real and a pretended friend.

## MORAL.

*A real Friend is an invaluable Treasure;  
a Friend loveth at all Times, and a Brother is  
born for Adversity,*



A  
REMARKABLE INSTANCE  
OF  
FILIAL PIETY.

*Dutiful Children are Blessings from above.*

ABOUT ten or twelve years ago, an officer of the guards, being in Essex, on a recruiting party, made a short stay at Chelmsford, where he picked up several recruits.

The evening preceeded the day appointed for his departure from that town, a very tall youth, of a most engaging figure, whose  
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